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Denver – Today the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) held its first meeting of 2010 at the Community College of Denver. The Commission discussed their agenda for the year and importance of the strategic planning initiative for higher education announced by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. on December 17^{th.}

CCHE sets agenda for 2010

Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education, Rico Munn spoke about plans for the strategic planning steering committee and commented on the necessity of conducting a system-wide review of higher education at this time. Munn said, "By statute, we are required to review the state's higher education system every four years. Since we have been operating under the College Opportunity Fund program (COF) and performance contract system since 2005, it is time to review these programs to ensure the system of higher education is meeting the state's needs."

The Commission also approved 39 general education courses for guaranteed transfer across the state's public higher education institutions. Since 2003, faculty at four year and two year institutions have approved over 1,100 courses for guaranteed transfer, making Colorado a leading state in general education course transfer. Chairman of the CCHE, Jim Polsfut applauded the work of faculty and department staff commenting, "I am very pleased to see this work moving forward. Ensuring guaranteed transfer of core courses throughout the system is key to ensuring that students have the flexibility and support to complete their degrees."

The Commission announced its 2010 meeting schedule, see table below. Updates can be found at: http://highered.colorado.gov/CCHE/Meetings/

CCHE 2010 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Meeting Locations
January 8, 2010, 1:00pm	Community College of Denver - Tivoli
February 5, 2010, 1:00pm	Metropolitan State College of Denver - St. Cajetan's
March 5, 2010, 1:00pm	Red Rocks Community College - Community Room

April 9, 2010, 1:00pm	Pickens Technical College
May 7, 2010, 1:00pm	TBD
June 3, 2010, 1:00pm	TBD
July 8, 2010, 1:00pm	TBD
August Retreat	TBD
September 9, 2010, 1:00pm	TBD
October 7, 2010, 1:00pm	Colorado Community College System - President's Room
November 4, 2010, 1:00pm	TBD
December 2, 2010, 1:00pm	TBD